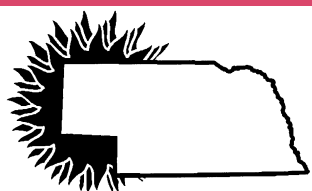


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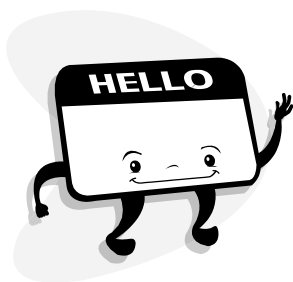


The Newsletter of the Panhandle Library System

August/September 2008

Scholarships Are Available To Attend The NLA/NEMA Conference

The NLA/NEMA Conference runs from October 15 to 17, 2008, in Lincoln, Nebraska. The conference begins with three excellent pre-conferences, “Serving Library Customers With Disabilities”, “What is a Book Worth: Determining the Value of a Book”, and “The Four R’s: Robots, Romance, Revolvers, and Recipes.” The conference continues with numerous enriching sessions on a wide variety of topics. You won’t want to miss the special events either. Wednesday evening, you’ll have the opportunity to visit the new International Quilt Study Center and Museum. Thursday night is Casino Royale, a fundraiser for the Legacy Fund, with a James Bond flair.



Are you thinking about attending the NLA/NEMA Annual Conference in Lincoln this year, but not sure where you’re going to get the money to attend? Stop worrying and apply for one of the many available scholarships!

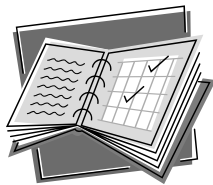
The Panhandle Library System offers scholarships to Librarians, Media Specialists, Board Members, Trustees, and any other people involved in library service for professional development. Recipients may use the monies in the fund for attendance at professional meetings, classes, workshops, or other beneficial academic activities. Requests for a scholarship can be for any amount but will not exceed \$300.00. To apply for a PLS Scholarship submit an application to the Panhandle Library System. There is an application inserted in this newsletter.

This year, Biblionix is offering a \$150 stipend to staff of small and medium sized public libraries to attend the NLA/NEMA Conference. For complete details and to apply, refer to the application enclosed in this newsletter. The deadline is August 22nd, so hurry and submit your application now!

NEMA also offers a conference scholarship to practicing school library media specialists and paraprofessionals. Two scholarships of up to \$150 will be given each academic year. Applications must be received by the NEMA Scholarship Chair by August 15th or March 15th.

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Panhandle Library System Upcoming Events

August 22, 2008 ROI "Return on Investment" For Public Libraries

Location: Scottsbluff Public Library,
1809 3rd Avenue, Scottsbluff

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Register with Nebraska Library

Commission at: <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us>
and click on the "Training Portal" or ROI for Public
Libraries Wikis: www.nlc.state.ne.us/wikis/roi4libraries

September 9, 2008 PLS Board Meeting, Lunch and Committee Meetings

PLS will provide lunch

Location: Bluffs Business Center,
1517 Broadway, Main Floor

Conference Room

Time: 10a.m. Board Meeting,

Noon Lunch

1 p.m. Committee Meetings

Please help defray the cost of lunch by contributing a
few dollars.

RSVP by Sept. 3 to the PLS office if you plan to have
lunch.

September 10, 2008 PLS Author Tour Planning Session

Location: Bayard High School,
726 4th Avenue, Bayard

Time: 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Register with the PLS office by August 29, 2008

September 22, 2008 Learn How To Use And Reserve the PLS Wii Gaming System

Location: Alliance Public Library
1750 Sweetwater Ave, Rooms A & B

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Register with the PLS office

September 25, 2008 WebJunction Technology Planning

Location: The Harms Advanced

Technology Center, 2620 College

Park, Scottsbluff. (Across the street from WNCC in
Scottsbluff.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Register with Nebraska Library

Commission, <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us> and click on the
"Training Portal"

September 29, 2008 PLS Public Librarians Meeting. Southern Panhandle

Location: Nancy Fawcett Memorial Library
724 Oberfelder, Lodgepole

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Topic: Gaming in the library & PLS Wii information &
demonstration

Register with the PLS office.

Webpage and Social Web Workshops

Instructor: Michael Sauers

Location: ESU 13, 4215 Avenue I, Scottsbluff Register
with Nebraska Library Commission, [http://](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us)
www.nlc.state.ne.us and click on the "Training Portal"

September 30, 2008 "Welcome to the Social Web"

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Please bring a USB Flash Drive

October 1, 2008 I Blog, You Blog, Weblog

Time: 9:00 a.m. to Noon

It is recommended, but not required, that you attend both
this class and the RSS: A New Way of Communication,
scheduled on Oct. 1 at 1pm to 4pm

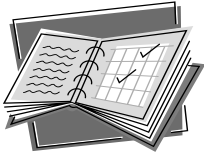
October 1, 2008 RSS: A New Way of Communicating

Time: 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

It is recommended, but not required, that you attend both
this class and the I Blog, You Blog, Weblog on Oct. 1 at
9 to noon.

October 2, 2008 Introduction to Web Page Creation with XHTML

Time: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Upcoming Events Continued

bring a USB Flash Drive. There are things you must do before you come to this class. Those things are listed on this page: <http://nebraskaccess.backpackit.com/pub/1174857>

October 3, 2008 Style Your Web Site with CSS

Time: 9a.m. to 4p.m.

Please bring a USB Flash Drive with you to this class. Things you must do before this class are listed on this page:

<http://mebraskaccess.backpackit.com/pub/1174851>

October 7, 8, 9, 2008 PLS Author Tour

Natasha Friend

For 7th and 8th grade students in the Panhandle Region.

Contact the PLS office for more information.

October 15, 16, 17, 2008 NLA/NEMA

Annual Conference

This year's theme: "Vision for the Information Age"

Location: Cornhusker Marriot Hotel, Lincoln, NE

Register here: <http://www.nebraskalibraries.org/conference/2008/index.html>

October 24, 2008 PLS Public Librarians Meeting. Northern Panhandle

Location: Rushville Public Library, 205 Sprague Street, Rushville

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Topic: Library goals; Creative and Collaborative Programming

Register with the PLS office.

Highlights From Panhandle Libraries

The **Morrill Public Library** has a new web page. Check it out at <http://www.morrillpubliclibrary.org!>

The **Mitchell Public Library** has two new employees, Michelle Buckley and Pricilla Carrillo. They were hired in September 2007 to replace Rene Hunt,

circulation librarian, who retired at the end of the summer. Michelle worked on Summer Reading



activities and Pricilla writes a weekly column for the Mitchell Index about new books for children and adults. With the extra help, the library has expanded its hours to include three hours on Sunday afternoons, with good results. The Library is in the fund-raising stages of their library expansion project. In the photo above, Director, Maryruth Reed, leads a focus group for Future Search.

The **Potter Public Library** has gone through a major renovation with new carpet, tile, paint and a new computer. A student project included four new benches and planters outside the library. The community project was a lighted stained glass window over the front door. The Library is one of the town's NCIP projects this year!

The **Alliance Public Library** hosted nine monthly Brown Bag luncheons with guest speakers this past year. Patrons enjoy these outstanding forums and attendance is outstanding. The Library joined Overdrive in March. May 2—9 was their annual silent auction event, Read Around the Posies, where an array of beautifully decorated pots are filled with flowering plants. This fund-raiser is sponsored by the Library Board.

PLS Member Library Spotlight-
University of Nebraska Extension Center
D.A. Murphy Library
4502 Avenue I, Scottsbluff Phone: 308-632-1316



The collection at the D.A. Murphy Library of the University of Nebraska Extension Center is narrowly focused; it supports the research specialties of the UNL Extension Center Specialists. Popular topics include wheat, beans, potatoes, sugar beets, and nutrition. The Library has a complete collection of journals from certain disciplines, such as Soil Science, Ag Engineering, and Agronomy Journal.

Although the collection is intended to serve research specialists, the Library has much to offer even the layperson, or hobbyist. The Library recently added a collection of field guide and identification-type materials. Debra Underhill, the Director of the D.A. Murphy Library, sits next to this collection in the above photo. As you can see from the picture, the collection includes guidebooks with bright photographs, and small, portable books to carry in the field. These books will help you identify insects, rodents, fishes, reptiles, wildflowers, birds, mammal tracks, and more. Before I left, I browsed through a big book on snakes, and identified the snake that I saw in my

garden the other day.

The Library also has an extensive business collection, and materials on community relations. There are many classic business titles to choose from, such as Covey's "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People. The collection also has newer books. There are also many audio and video materials available. Some are motivational, and some are for the new manager.

According to Debra, the Library is open to the public, and it will circulate almost anything. The library is not automated, but Debra is happy to show you how to find the information you need. You don't need a library card to check out an item, but you will have to provide identification with an address and telephone number. The Library is open Monday through Friday from 8:00AM to 5:00PM.

Another nice feature that the Library offers is a public access computer. The computer is available during open hours for Internet use or word processing. Printing is available for a small per-page fee. Debra will help people access the UNL Library and databases from the computer. What a wonderful service!

The Library has small, cozy meeting spaces available for use. There is also a television, DVD, and VCR machine available for viewing. Larger groups may also reserve one of the many meeting rooms available at the Extension Center. Interested persons may call the Extension Center for fees and availability.

Please feel free to refer your patrons to the D.A. Murphy Library, and stop by yourself one day to see the collection. If you are coming through the front door of the UNL Extension Center, simply tell the receptionist that you would like to use the library. She will either give Debra a call, or show you to the library. *Margie Harrison*

July was a busy month for librarians in the Panhandle. Some of our biggest events took place, like the Panhandle Library System's Annual Meeting, and the NEMA/PLS Workshop. With less than one week in-between, more than ninety people from all types of libraries attended these two very popular programs.



Diane, Pat, and Carole peruse the prize table
at the PLS Annual Meeting



The food was great at the Annual Meeting.
The Sidney Friends served breakfast!



Pat demonstrated how to "READ
For Fun" at the NEMA/PLS
Workshop



Participants had a good time at the NEMA/PLS Workshop

PLS Wii Gaming System and Games

The Panhandle Library System obtained the Nintendo Wii gaming system through Library Improvement grant funds. Member libraries may use the Wii for training demonstrations and library gaming programs. System members may borrow the console and games at no cost. Reservations are made on a first-come, first-served basis. Members may reserve the gaming system for 3-weeks, and will receive a due-date upon making the reservation. The borrower must sign a loan agreement prior to borrowing the Wii.

The equipment will be delivered by U.S. Mail, or in some cases, it may be personally delivered by PLS staff. It may also be picked up from the PLS office. The member library that borrows the game system is responsible for its return. If the equipment is mailed, it must be insured for \$400. The borrower is responsible for shipping and insurance changes. Although the System office will provide routine maintenance, the borrower is financially responsible for loss or damage.

Package includes:

- Nintendo game console
- Vertical stand and stand plate
- Sensor bar
- 2 Nunchucks
- 2 Remotes
- AC Adapter cord
- AV Cable
- Charging station
- Operations Manual - System Setup Manual
- Operations Manual - Channel and Setting Manual
- Wii Sports game Disc and instruction booklet
- Wii Play game Disc and instruction booklet
- Wii Dance, Dance Revolution game Disc, instruction booklet, and one pad
- Wii Mario and Sonic at the Olympic Games game Disc and instruction booklet
- Wii Smarty Pants game disc and instruction booklet
- Travel tub or box

Please contact the PLS office to reserve the Wii.

Have You Seen These Websites...



Footnote

<http://footnote.com>

For genealogists & history buffs, footnote.com is a place where original historical documents are combined with social networking in order to create a truly unique experience involving the stories of our past.

Fact Check

<http://www.factcheck.org>

Have you ever listened to a political speech, campaign ad, or debate and pondered the factual accuracy of a statement? Let the team at the Annenberg Political Fact Check verify it for you.

Lit Lovers

<http://www.litlovers.com>

An online community dedicated to books and book clubs. You can find books, reviews, discussion guides, and book relevant recipes. You can even take a free LitCourse and get more out of your reading.

Time Capsule

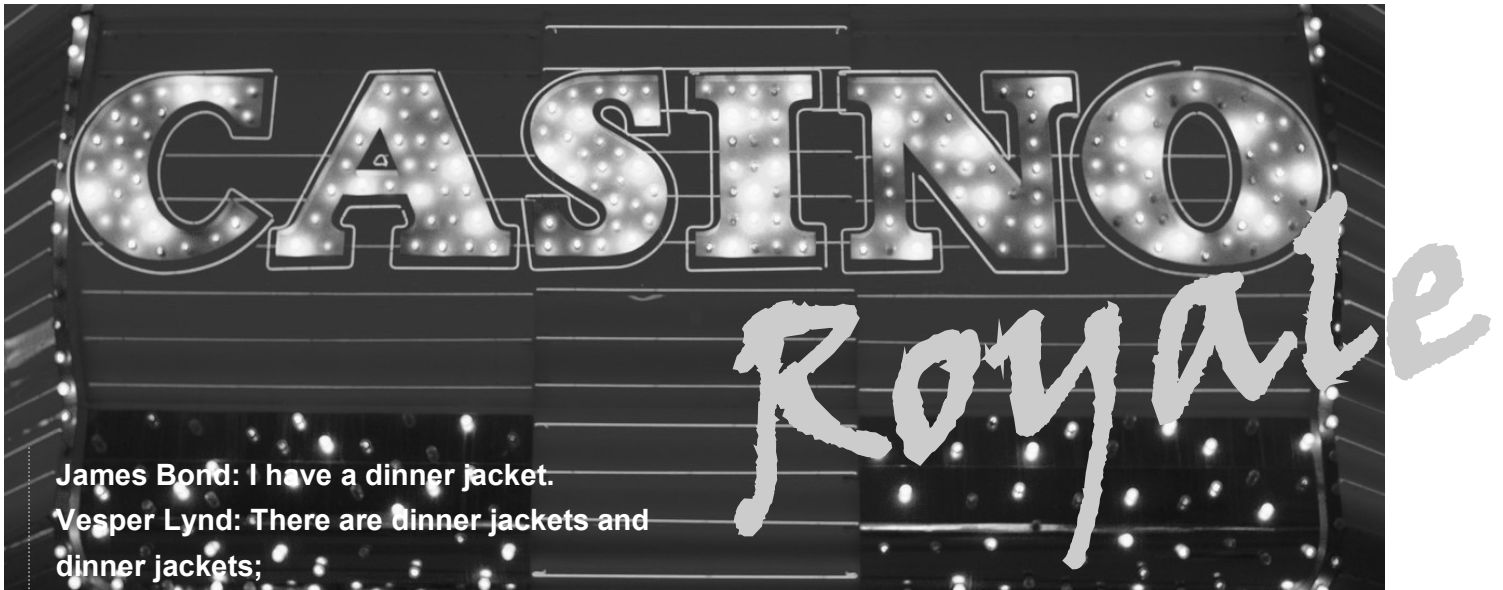
<http://www.dmarie.com/timecap/>

Type in a date and find headlines, birthdays, top songs, TV shows, popular books, and top toys for the day & year requested. It's great for those "what happened on my birthday" assignments.

Health Grades

<http://www.healthgrades.com/>

Research physicians, hospitals, and nursing homes. Find doctors' schooling and disciplinary-action history, patient opinions, and ratings of local hospitals.



Bring your money, your skill, and your luck

for a night of fun that benefits the Legacy Fund.

Thursday night after the Banquet, or at 9 p.m., whichever's earliest,
come join us in the Arbor Room to play
poker, roulette, bingo, craps, and blackjack.

And for an extra dose of
glamour, you can dress 007 style,
“like a man (or woman) who
belongs at [the] table.”

So pull out your ritziest evening
wear, your exotic foreign accents, and
come try your luck! Of course you're
welcome to come mingle and be one of
the beautiful people even if you
don't want to play.



It will be \$5 for 25 chips
with similar rules to last



Only at 2008's NLA/NEMA Conference in Lincoln on October 16!

"What Book Got You Hooked?" Campaign— Cast a Vote for Nebraska!



Read Aloud Nebraska is again helping to coordinate statewide involvement in the "What Book Got You Hooked?" campaign offered by the First Book National Book Bank. The campaign again asks individuals to vote for the book that got them "hooked" on reading as a child. Not only will the top favorites as voted on by participants be revealed in September, but 50,000 FREE, NEW CHILDREN'S BOOKS will again be sent to the state casting the most votes during the campaign which ends September 15th!

Nebraska finished a close second to Oklahoma in last year's "What Book Got You Hooked?" campaign - narrowly missing out on these books for our children. With your help, we can see that Nebraska children benefit from our efforts this year!

To participate, individuals need only log on to the "What Book Got You Hooked?" website at <http://www2.firstbook.org/whatbook/>, indicate your favorite book and cast a vote for Nebraska. The whole process takes no more than a couple of minutes. It appears that this year's campaign allows you to vote more than once per day so VOTE NOW and VOTE OFTEN to ensure that Nebraska children receive the free books!

FYI - Read Aloud Nebraska will be the sole distributor of 20,000 children's titles by actor/author John Lithgow this fall. These books were won by Nebraska voters who participated in the John Lithgow Book Donation Challenge sponsored by Cheerios on the First Book website. Nebraska finished second to Oklahoma in this contest as well, but the top 5 states each received 20,000 books. Check out the website (www.readaloudnebraska.org) and watch for updates on this opportunity to receive free books for low-income children in your school and community!

Banned Books Week: Sept. 27—Oct. 4, 2008

<http://www.ala.org/ala/oif/bannedbooksweek/bannedbooksweek.cfm>

Banned Books Week is observed during the last week of September each year. It celebrates the freedom to choose or the freedom to express one's opinion even if that opinion might be considered unorthodox or unpopular and stresses the importance of ensuring the availability of those unorthodox or unpopular viewpoints to all who wish to read them. After all, intellectual freedom can exist only where these two essential conditions are met.

The ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom received 420 challenges last year. A challenge is defined as a formal, written complaint, filed with a library or school requesting that materials be removed because of content or appropriateness.

The "10 Most Challenged Books of 2007" reflect a range of themes, and consist of the following titles:

1. And Tango Makes Three, by Justin Richardson/Peter Parnell; Reasons: Anti-Ethnic, Sexism, Homosexuality, Anti-Family, Religious Viewpoint, Unsuitable to Age Group
2. The Chocolate War, by Robert Cormier; Reasons: Sexually Explicit, Offensive Language, Violence
3. Olive's Ocean, by Kevin Henkes; Reasons: Sexually Explicit and Offensive Language
4. The Golden Compass, by Philip Pullman; Reasons: Religious Viewpoint
5. The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, by Mark Twain; Reasons: Racism
6. The Color Purple, by Alice Walker; Reasons: Homosexuality, Sexually Explicit, Offensive Language
7. TTYL, by Lauren Myracle; Reasons: Sexually Explicit, Offensive Language, Unsuitable to Age Group
8. I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings, by Maya Angelou; Reasons: Sexually Explicit
9. It's Perfectly Normal, by Robie Harris; Reasons: Sex Education, Sexually Explicit
10. The Perks of Being A Wallflower, by Stephen Chbosky; Reasons: Homosexuality, Sexually Explicit, Offensive Language, Unsuitable to Age Group

Apply To Host "Visions of the Universe: Four Centuries of Discovery" Traveling Exhibit



Public libraries are invited to apply to host "Visions of the Universe: Four Centuries of Discovery," a traveling exhibition developed by the ALA Public Programs Office in cooperation with the Space Telescope Science Institute Office of Public Outreach and the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory to mark the International Year of Astronomy in 2009. The exhibit will travel to 40 selected public libraries from January 2009 through December 2010. Applications are available at www.ala.org/visionsoftheuniverse.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has provided major funding for the exhibit. Exhibit sponsors are especially interested in receiving applications from public libraries in small towns and rural areas that have limited access to NASA resources, as well as from public libraries in larger population centers. The exhibit requires just 150-200 square feet of display space. All libraries on the tour will receive \$500 programming support stipends, \$250 collection development stipends and additional materials to support library programming. Applications must be submitted to ALA by September 19. Selected libraries will be announced in late October.

The International Astronomical Union has proclaimed 2009 the International Year of Astronomy as an opportunity to create awareness of astronomy's contributions to society and culture, stimulate young people's interest in astronomy and science, portray astronomy as a global peaceful endeavor, and nourish a scientific outlook in society. "Visions of the Universe: Four Centuries of Discovery" focuses on astronomy through the ages—from Galileo's initial findings to the latest results of the Hubble Space Telescope. The exhibit vividly illustrates 400 years of

growth in our knowledge of not just planets, stars, nebulae and galaxies, but also the size and scale of the universe in both space and time.

The Space Telescope Science Institute Office of Public Outreach (OPO) is a world leader in astronomy presentation through news media Web sites, planetarium shows, museum exhibits, curriculum support materials, professional development and other educational resources. Among the award-winning Web sites created by the OPO are "Hubblesite": <http://hubblesite.org/> and "Amazing Space": <http://amazing-space.stsci.edu/>.

For more information about "Visions of the Universe: Four Centuries of Discovery," visit www.ala.org/visionsoftheuniverse. With questions, contact the ALA Public Programs Office at publicprograms@ala.org.

Diamonds



Diamonds are forever - Ian Fleming
Diamonds are forever, my youth is not - Jill St. John

I never hated a man enough to give his diamonds back - Zsa Zsa Gabor

Diamonds never leave you....men do! - Shirley Bassey

Big girls need big diamonds - Elizabeth Taylor

Ladies, need a little sparkle and pizzazz in your life?
Gentlemen, looking for a gift that never goes out of style?

The Regional Library Systems will be raffling a pair of diamond studs at the Fall Conference in October and you could be the lucky winner of some prime bling. You can contact your system office for tickets or get some at the conference. \$3 each or two for \$5. Please make checks payable to NRLS.





Copyright Law– Part 4

This article is the four of a six-part series on copyright for educators and public librarians.

Part IV – Book Covers

How may book covers be used without infringement of copyright depends on various factors: is this for instructional purposes, use of first sale doctrine, remain in classroom, or published on the web with or with a password?

Two basic guidelines apply: 1. If the book is owned which includes the book cover, you may use the physical property for display during book talks, on bulletin boards or other presentations. 2. For use of photocopies or digital copies of the book cover contact the publisher for permission to use the book cover or any part of the book.

Some publishers will give permission for educational use on their website or in the copyright notice in their books. Attaching a copy of the permission to the copy of the book cover that is being used or maintaining a file of the permission statements is recommended in the event that the fair use is challenged.

The Random House Permission website (<http://www.randomhouse.com/about/permissions.html>) is an excellent example of the request for permission process. A permission form is available to download or print. Two factors to keep in mind: a. Permission must be requested by mail or fax (rarely email is accepted) and b. Allow sufficient time for the request to be processed.

Students may apply Fair Use in order to include book covers as part of their assigned project whether it is in paper or digital format. A teacher may also apply Fair Use to utilize the book cover when it used for instructional purposes with students. This is an educational application of Fair Use. The infringement might occur when the presentation is posted on the web and is not password protected. When posting to the web, this constitutes world wide distribution of the copyright protected materials. Whenever the book cover is used, citing the book cover not only includes

the author and publisher information but must also include the illustrator and, in some cases, the book cover artist.

For more discussion of the use of book covers, see COPYRIGHT CATECHISM by Carol Simpson, Linworth Publishers, 2005, pages 60, 62, 64, 65, 67 and 69.

Please send an email to me if you want a complete bibliography of my recommended copyright law resources or have a copyright law question. Phyllis Brunken pbrunken@cox.net I am not an attorney and this article may not be substituted for formal legal advice from an attorney well versed in school law and copyright law.

Introducing the PLS Board

The Panhandle Library System is governed by a System Board of 10 members. Board Members are residents of the 14 county Panhandle area. The PLS Board meets six times a year. Board members also chair committees, such as the Annual Meeting, Scholarship, and Public Relations committees. I introduce to you the Panhandle Library System Board of Trustees:



Vickie Retzlaff, President

Glenda Gamby, Vice President

Terry Christensen, Secretary

Jane Schlager, Treasurer

Kendra Caskey

Diane Davis

Dixie Riley

Floyd Smith III

Kathy Terrell

Beth Trupp

Panhandle Library System Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 13, 2008 – 10:00 A.M.
Bluffs Business Center Main Floor Conference Room
1517 Broadway, Scottsbluff, Nebraska

President Diane Downer called the meeting to order. Board members present: Terry Christensen, Lillian Diedrichsen, Diane Downer, Glenda Gamby, Marjorie Harrison (System Coordinator) Eileen Nightingale, Vickie Retzlaff, Jane Schlager. Members absent: Jim Soester, Kathy Terrell, and Ruth Walker. Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Round Table: Glenda Gamby: The Lewis & Clark Indian Country traveling exhibit is now gone. Glenda is adding the citations on the computer that somehow got left off when CSC changed to the Triple I automation system. Jim Soester has resigned from the PLS board effective immediately. A person from District A will be appointed to fill the remainder of his term.

Committee Reports: Nominations: Officers nominated for 2008-2009 are Vickie Retzlaff, President; Glenda Gamby, Vice-President; Jane Schlager, Treasurer; Secretary: position has not been filled yet. Annual Meeting: Annual Meeting: Will be held at WNCC in Sidney; menu has not been finalized the college will not charge for the room since we will be paying them for the meal. Wendell Gaston is the speaker and his fee is \$250. C/E Tech: Marjorie sent out a survey about Strategic Planning to see if there was a need for this workshop now or later on. Public Relations: Packets for the Natasha Friend Author Tour have been sent out to the school media specialists.

There was no report from the Nebraska Library Commission since Rod Wagner was unable to attend the PLS meeting. Marjorie Harrison highlighted some things on the Coordinator's Report. She talked about an Open Source (statewide symposium) coming up. Ben Mikaelson made visits to Ogallala High School & Broken Bow.

Budget Report: Marjorie Harrison pointed out that the Nebraska Library Commission will reimburse the Panhandle Library System \$4,546.84 for the car lease in July. Otherwise, the bottom line of the budget looks okay. Marjorie presented the proposed PLS budget for 2008-2009. She estimates that there will be around \$2000 left from the 2007-2008 budget. Board members felt that there needed to be an increase in the mileage amount for board members since some of the new board members will be traveling further. The amount was increased from \$2400 to \$3000. A motion was made by Vickie Retzlaff and Terry Christensen (2nd) to accept the proposed budget for 2008-2009. There were 9 Ayes; 0 Nays. Motion passed.

Ballot results on the election of new board members: Beth Trupp (member at large); Floyd Smith (District B); Dixie Riley (Dist. C); Scott Kinney (Public). Quite a bit of time was spent by the board members in discussion of PLS Policies & Procedures and making revisions. Marjorie Harrison will make the changes and they will be voted on at the next board meeting. There was discussion on Debbie McCall's salary & vacation hours. A motion was made by Jane Schlager and Glenda Gamby (2nd) that Debbie McCall use her accrued vacation hours by December 31, 2008 so that she will not lose them. All voted yes.

Rod Wagner will be contacted about Marjorie Harrison's evaluation. Her evaluation was supposed to be done at the end of six months. Marjorie has already completed Debbie McCall's evaluation. PLS upcoming events were highlighted. Meeting adjourned at 12:26 p.m.

Lillian Diedrichsen
Secretary

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Counties Served:

Arthur, Banner, Box Butte, Cheyenne, Dawes,
Deuel, Garden, Grant, Keith, Kimball,
Morrill, Scotts Bluff, Sheridan and Sioux

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WEBJUNCTION AND TECHNOLOGY PLANNING

Thursday, September 25, 2008 at the Harms Advanced Technology Center,
2620 College Park, Scottsbluff. (Across the street "south" from WNCC in
Scottsbluff.)

Some of the topics covered will be:

- *Making the most of your member profile
- *Connecting with your colleagues in the Rural & Small Library
Community
- *Serving your patron's needs with the Spanish Language Outreach
Program
- *Managing your Technology Planning with TechAtlas
- *TechAtlas' connection to the 2009 Gates Hardware Grant program
- *Learning about E-Rate Information & Resources, and much more!

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Lunch is included

No charge

CE Hours 6

Presenters: Christa Burns and Richard Miller from Nebraska Library
Commission

Please register by September 23, 2008 with Nebraska Library Commission

<http://www.nlc.state.ne.us> and click on the "Training Portal"

Or call: 800-307-2665

PLS Public Librarians Meetings



Locations throughout the Panhandle

If you are a public librarian or any PLS member you are invited to attend one or all of the public library meetings held throughout the Panhandle. Earn CE credit for attending.



September 29, 2008 Public Librarians Meeting, Southern Panhandle

Location: Nancy Fawcett Memorial Library, 724 Oberfelder, Lodgepole, NE

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Topic: Gaming @ Your Library®

October 24, 2008 Public Librarians Meeting, Northern Panhandle

Location: Rushville Public Library, 205 Sprague Street, Rushville, NE

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Topic: Library Goals: and Creative and Collaborative Programming

2 CE Hours



Please register 5 days before your meeting, with the Panhandle Library System office. Toll free 888-879-5303, Phone 308-632-1350, Fax 308-632-3978. Margie's E-mail: mharrison@nlc.state.ne.us or Debbie's E-mail: debm@charterinternet.com

Lunch or dinner reservations may be made following the meeting.



New Workshops in Scottsbluff

Instructor: Michael Sauters, Nebraska Library Commission

The following workshops are scheduled at ESU #13, 4215 Avenue I, Scottsbluff, NE

September 30, 2008 9am—4pm: Welcome to the Social Web

Social software is one of the hottest concepts on the Internet today. This full-day workshop will introduce you to its components and show you examples of many of the most popular Web sites in this area. Attendees will then get a chance to play with several social services of most use to librarians in a hands-on environment. The services used in the hands-on portion will vary but may include Flickr, del.icio.us, Facebook, MySpace, and YouTube. **You must have a USB Flash drive that you can bring to class with you.**

October 1, 2008, 9am—12pm: I Blog, You Blog, Weblog

What can you expect if you attend this training session? Learn what a blog is, who writes blogs, why blogs are so popular, and the different types of blogs. View some of the best examples of LIS blogs and discover what makes them worth reading. Create your own blog in just minutes using the free Blogger.com service. Discover many of the options for customizing your blog to fit your needs.

Leave with ideas on just how blogging can be integrated into your library's Web site. **It is recommended, but not required, that you attend both this class and the RSS: A New Way of Communication, scheduled on Oct. 1 at 1pm-4pm.**

October 1, 2008 1pm—4pm: RSS: A New Way of Communicating

During this workshop you'll be signing up for a couple of free online services. One of these services will require you to respond to an e-mail sent to you as part of the sign-up process. Because of this you need to make sure you have an e-mail address that you can access from a remote location. This can be your work e-mail or other e-mail (HotMail, YahooMail, etc.) as long as you, and only you, can access it remotely. Please be sure you know how to do this before coming to class. **It is recommended, but not required, that you attend both this class and the I Blog, You Blog, Weblog scheduled on Oct. 1, 9am—12pm.**

October 2, 2008 9am—4pm: Introduction to Web Page Creation with XHTML

Even if you use FrontPage, Dreamweaver, Drupal to Blogger to create your Web site, there's XHTML under the hood. This six hour workshop will give you a basic understanding of how the eXtensible HyperText Markup language works and how to create Web pages using it through a hands-approach. By the end of the day attendees will be able to create new pages from scratch and have a solid foundation on which to build their future Web page creation skills. **You must have a USB Flash Drive that you can bring to class with you.** There are things you must do before you come to class. Those things are listed on this page:

<http://nebraskaccess.backpackit.com/pub/1174857>.

October 3, 2008, 9am—4pm: Style Your Web Site with CSS

Once you have the content of your Web page written and your markup added, it's time to add some style. Cascading Style Sheets is the language that gives you the power to make your pages look the way you want them to. CSS also allows you to give your site a consistent look across all of your pages in less code that you'd imagine. (Attendees must have a working knowledge of HTML and/or XHTML before attending the class. **You must have a USB Flash Drive you can bring with you to class. Things you must do before attending this class at: <http://nebraskaccess.backpackit.com/pub/1174851>.** Lunch is on your own.

Space is limited to 25, please register now! For more information and to register, go to the Nebraska Library Commission "Training Portal" and click on the date of the class or search by a key word title.

Web site: <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp>

PLS Board Meeting, Lunch, and Committee Meetings



On September 9, 2008 PLS will have lunch available for Board members, Committee members or any PLS Member who would like to attend.

Location: The Bluffs Business Center, 1517 Broadway, Main floor conference room, Scottsbluff

Time:

10:00 a.m. Board Meeting

Noon: Lunch

1:00 p.m. Committee Meetings

PLS will provide lunch. Please help us defray the cost of lunch by contributing a few dollars.

Please RSVP to the PLS office by Tuesday, September 2, 2008 if you plan to have lunch.



Panhandle Library System, 1517 Broadway,
Suite 129, Scottsbluff, NE 69361
Toll free 888-879-5303,
Phone 308-632-1350, Fax 308-632-3978

***Panhandle Library System
Scholarship Application***

The Panhandle Library System has established a scholarship fund to facilitate the professional development of librarians within the System. Librarians, Media Specialists, and those connected with member agencies within the System may use these monies for attendance at professional meetings, classes, workshops, or other beneficial academic activities.

Provisions of the Scholarship include:

1. Each applicant must submit an application letter and form any time prior to or two weeks after the event for which the scholarship is intended.
2. The Scholarship Committee will review each application and recommendations will be given to the Panhandle Library System Board for approval or denial.
3. Requests for a scholarship can be for any amount but will not exceed \$300.00.
4. The Scholarship Committee has the right to adjust the amount requested depending on the budget and number of applicants during a fiscal year.
5. Scholarships will be evaluated on a first come first serve basis.
6. Priority will be given to those events within the state.
7. Individual applicants will be limited to requesting scholarships once in a three-year period.
8. Budget, event, amount requested, and the number of applicants will dictate approval or denial of the scholarship requests. More than one scholarship request from the same library agency during a two-year period will need to be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee.
9. Scholarship recipients are requested to provide a brief article in the System Newsletter as a form of resource sharing within one month of completion of the activity. Article is submitted to the Coordinator.

*Scholarship Committee
Panhandle Library System
1517 Broadway, Suite 129
Scottsbluff, NE 69361*

**PANHANDLE LIBRARY SYSTEM
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

NAME: _____

LIBRARY/SCHOOL/AGENCY: _____

COMPLETE ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

SCHOLARSHIP ACTIVITY: _____

AMOUNT REQUESTED: _____

PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ACTIVITY, WHY YOU WANT TO ATTEND THIS ACTIVITY, AND HOW IT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO YOUR PROFESSIONAL GROWTH. BE AS SPECIFIC AS POSSIBLE WITH DATE, LOCATION, AND FUNCTION OF THE ACTIVITY.

Revised 5-20-2008

Description

In keeping with Biblionix's devotion to small- and medium-sized public libraries, we are offering six \$150 travel stipends for attendance at the 2008 conference of The Nebraska Library Association / Nebraska Educational Media Association (NLA/NEMA) in Lincoln, Nebraska. The conference will be held October 15-17, 2008. A single stipend is allocated to each of Nebraska's six library systems. Each administrator will choose a single recipient among applicants from her system. Eligibility requirements are:

- Library director or staff at a small- or medium-sized public library
- Member of NLA (current or new)

The funds can be used to cover the following expenses:

- Conference Registration
- Pre-conference workshop(s)
- Travel costs (car, hotel)
- NLA membership
- Meal functions at the conference
- Expenses (meals, cabs, etc.)
- Cost of replacement staff if needed

Requirements are:

- Attend 2 of the 3 days of NLA/NEMA conference and pre-conference
- Attend either the NLA business meeting or your section business meeting
- After the conference, complete a summary (one-page or less) of your experience, discussing highlights of what you did, what was most rewarding, and how this grant process could be improved. Send to the same address as the grant submittal by October 31, 2008.

Recognition:

- Coverage (including recipient's name, position, and library) in NLA, Nebraska Library Systems, and Biblionix communications.

Schedule:

- 08/22/08 5PM: The application must be received no later than this date/time.
- 08/29/08: Notification/Announcement of Recipient
- 09/5/08: Stipend check mailed to Recipient

The stipend application does not register you for the conference or make any other travel reservations. Attendees must register directly with the NLA, hotel, etc.

**NLA/NEMA 2008 Annual Conference
Travel Stipend
Grant Application**

Library Name: _____

Applicant Name: _____ Title _____

Physical Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

1) Answer the following questions in a brief narrative:

- a) Describe your position with the public library.
- b) What year did you last attend an NLA/NEMA conference or would this be your first NLA/NEMA conference?
- c) What would you hope to gain by attending the NLA/NEMA Conference?
- d) How would attending the conference help you better serve your library; your community?

2. Describe briefly how you plan to spend the stipend.
3. Provide one letter of support for you to attend the conference (from your City Manager, County Judge, Chair of Governing Board, or your supervisor).

Applicant's Signature _____

Submit this completed, 2-page application with required supporting document to your Library System Administrator by mail, email, fax, etc.

Eastern Library System

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11929 Elm Street, Suite 12
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Meridian Library System

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Marjorie Harrison, Coordinator
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Republican Valley Library System

Sherry Houston, Administrator
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Hastings, NE 68901
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PLS Gaming @ Your Library ®

Wii GAMING - CHECK IT OUT!

September 22, 2008

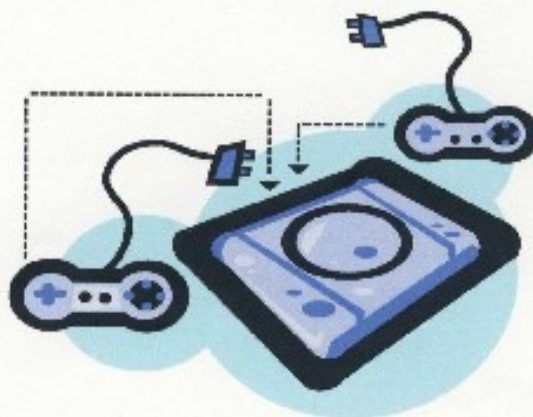
Learn how to use and reserve the PLS
Wii gaming system.

Location: Alliance Public Library, 1750
Sweetwater Avenue, Alliance, NE

Conference rooms A and B

Time: 10:00 a.m. to Noon

No Cost



**Register by September 17, 2008 with the Panhandle
Library System office.**

Toll free 888-879-5303

Phone: 308-632-1350

Fax: 308-632-3978

Debbie's email: debm@charterinternet.com

The 4 R's: Robots, Romance, Revolvers and Recipes

Join us on October 15, 2008 at the Bennett Martin Public Library on 14th and N in Lincoln, Nebraska for a Pre Conference Workshop exploring four different genre's featuring midwest authors. Each author will explain their writing techniques and love for their choice of genre.

Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. and sessions begin at 9:30 a.m.

October 15, 2008 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Bennett Martin Public Library
14th and N
Lincoln, Nebraska
Cost \$35.00 per person, lunch included
5 CE Credits

Robots will be our first session beginning at 9:30 until 10:00 a.m. with Kevin J. Anderson. Kevin J. Anderson is the author of more than ninety novels, 43 of which have appeared on national or international bestseller lists. He has over 20 million books in print in thirty languages. He has won or been nominated for numerous prestigious awards, including the Nebula Award, Bram Stoker Award, the SFX Reader's Choice Award, the American Physics Society's Forum Award, and New York Times Notable Book. By any measure, he is one of the most popular writers currently working in the science fiction genre.



Romance is a topic that Victoria Alexander knows well. She will share her knowledge with us from 10:50 a.m. to 11:20 a.m. Victoria Alexander was an award-winning television reporter until she discovered fiction was much more fun than real life. She turned to writing full time and has never looked back. Victoria grew up traveling the country as an Air Force brat and is now settled in a hundred-year-old house in Nebraska with her husband and two teenaged children, and a bearded collie named Sam. She firmly believes housework is a four-letter word, there are no calories in anything eaten standing up, procrastination is an art form, and it's never too soon to panic.

Revolvers is the title for our mystery session from 10:10 a.m. to 10:40 a.m. with Sean Doolittle. Sean Doolittle grew up in southeastern Nebraska. His first two novels, *Dirt* and *Burn* were published by JollyTown. More recently, *Rain Dogs* was published by Random House/Bantam Dell (2005). His most recent novel is *The Cleanup* (Dell, 2006). His writing was shortlisted for the CWA/Macallan Dagger Award. He won the Gold Medal in *ForeWord Magazine's* Book of the Year Award in 2003 for *Burn*. And *Dirt* was an Amazon.com Top 100 Editor's Pick for 2001. He holds the MA from the University of Nebraska — Lincoln, where he won the Mari Sandoz Prize for his fiction. He lives in Omaha with his wife and daughter.



Recipes will be presented by Jessica Covi from 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. She will share her experiences in compiling the cookbook "The Toast of Omaha" with the Junior League of Omaha service organization. The Junior League of Omaha is an organization of women committed to promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.



Lunch will be served from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m., followed by a Panel Discussion from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. We will wrap up the workshop with an Autograph Session from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.



The books below are available for pre-purchase. Send order with Registration form.

Registration:

Name: _____

Library: _____

City: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Send check payable to Nebraska
Regional Library Systems and
Registration Form by October 8, 2008
to:

Eastern Library System
11929 Elm Street, Suite 12
Omaha, NE 68144

Email: nrmeyer@alltel.net

Science Fiction



Kevin J. Anderson

___ Crystal Doors:
Sky Realm \$16.99

___ The Ashes of
Worlds \$25.99

___ Paul of Dune
\$25.95

___ The Last Days of
Krypton \$25.95

___ Total

Romance



Victoria
Alexander

___ The Perfect
Wife \$6.99

___ Secrets of a
Proper Lady
\$6.99

___ Seduction of a
Proper Gentle-
man \$6.99

___ Total



Mystery
Sean
Doolittle

___ The
Clean up
\$6.99

___ Rain
Dogs
\$6.99

Non-Fiction



Cookbook
Jessica Covi
___ Toast to
Omaha: A
Cookbook
\$24.95



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